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MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED TO 41 MONTHS IN PRISON

INDIANAPOLIS – A 37-year-old Mexican national, who was deported in 1996 after being convicted of attempted murder, was sentenced to 41 months in prison for reentering the United States after deportation, following an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Kokomo Police Department.

Hector Martinez-Martinez was sentenced Friday by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to re-entry after deportation, which is a felony.

Following an anonymous tip, ICE and the Kokomo Police Department investigated an allegation that Hector Martinez-Martinez, a deportable alien from Mexico, lived in Kokomo and worked at a local restaurant. Upon contacting Martinez, he admitted his identity and that he had been deported in 1996. Records and his fingerprints confirmed he was convicted in 1990 for two counts of attempted murder and personally using a firearm against two victims. Martinez was deported in July 1996 and illegally reentered the U.S. that same month. Since that time has lived in California, Tennessee, and Indiana. Attempted murder is an aggravated felony and Martinez is banned from ever reentering the United States without permission.

Martinez will be turned over to ICE following his term of imprisonment and placed into deportation proceedings. Conviction for re-entry after deportation carries a maximum 20-year prison sentence.

“The streets of Kokomo are safer now that Hector Martinez is behind bars and faces deportation to Mexico,” said ICE Special Agent-in-Charge Elissa A. Brown. “Criminal aliens pose a threat to public safety and are among ICE’s highest priorities within its mission to enforce the nation’s immigration laws.” Brown heads the ICE Chicago Office of Investigations, which includes the states of: Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri and Wisconsin.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.